Since the introduction of economic liberalisation in the country, the total amount of FDI inflow in tourism sector from August, 1991 to February, 2005 is Rs. 1,059.66 crores.

Develoment of tourism in Punjab

3536. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Punjab has submitted any special plan for development of tourism in the State to remove regional imbalance;

(b) if so, the salient features and estimated cost thereof;

(c) the Central Government aid sought therefor; and

(d) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Tube-Wells in Rural Areas

†3537. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed an amount of rupees thirty thousand per case for erecting tube-wells in rural areas while average cost of boring a tube-well in Madhya Pradesh has been assessed to be fifty thousand due to hilly and plateau structure of surface;

(b) whether Central Government are considering to increase the present amount of assistance to fifty thousand; and

(c) if so, by when, Government would consider to provide the increased amount to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAYPRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Rural Drinking Water Supply is a State subject. The Central Government, however, provides financial assistance to the States to supplement their efforts in providing drinking water supply to the rural habitations through Centrally

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.